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Date

Suzanne Allard Strutt
Chief Executive Officer
BC Recreation & Parks Association
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Burnaby, BC V5C 5T5

Dear Ms. Strutt:

RE: Support for Recreation Infrastructure Renewal in British Columbia

I am writing to you on behalf of [*insert your community/organization name*] to offer our support to the BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) as it addresses the province's urgent need for recreation infrastructure renewal and calls on the government of British Columbia to turn this pressing need into a public policy priority.

According to BCRPA's recent report, entitled *A Time for Renewal*, 68% of our province's recreation centres, pools, arenas and other facilities are 25 years old or older and are increasingly inadequate to the changing needs of our growing population. Upgrading and replacing BC's recreation facilities to keep them operational, relevant and environmentally friendly will require a \$5.2 billion investment over the next 10 years. This level of funding is absolutely necessary, *especially* in the current economic climate, if we are to keep our communities thriving and population healthy.

Our recreation infrastructure plays an essential role in our quality of life and overall well-being. The benefits of a healthy active population are felt at all levels – creating healthy individuals and communities and sustaining our environments and economies.

[explain why infrastructure renewal is important to your community/organization in relation to how recreation infrastructure supports healthy individuals and communities and sustainable environments and economies]

Recreation has the capacity to improve the quality of life for **all** British Columbians but the challenge of renewing and replacing BC's recreation infrastructure is one our communities cannot manage alone.

The provincial government must make a greater financial investment in these essential assets and we ask that recreation infrastructure renewal become a funding priority. Addressing this issue is the government's opportunity to take a leading role in building a high quality of life for British Columbians for generations to come.

Sincerely,

**[your name,
title,
contact info, etc]**